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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Veto Action on H. R. 12471

Mr. Robert Bedell of the Office of General Counsel, OMB, telephoned today to determine our position on the possible veto action on the Freedom of Information bill, H. R. 12471. I advised him that we strongly recommend veto. He inquired as to the key points on which this was based. I mentioned the court review provision and the time limits for action. He inquired if this is the Director's position, and I informed him it was.

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25X1 1. [] GLC) Called Rebecca Switzer, Legislative Assistant to Senator James Abourezk, to tell her that a letter to the Senator on his proposed amendment to the Foreign Assistance bill prohibiting certain contacts with foreign police and internal security forces was being handcarried to their office this morning. See Memo for Record.

25X1 2. [] - GLC) Accompanied the Director and [] to a briefing of the House Appropriations Committee Special Group [] See Memo for Record.

25X1A 25X1 3. [] - GLC) Received a call from [] General Counsel of NSA, who expressed interest in the fact that the Baker/Weicker proposal for a joint committee had been referred to the Senate Government Operations Committee. I told him I thought this referral was proper and as I recalled it was the same procedure followed when Senator Mansfield introduced his joint committee proposal in 1956. We also discussed the Mondale select committee proposal and I told [] it was the feeling of 25X1 Subcommittee staffers that no action would be taken on either of these measures in this Congress. [] also asked me about the "Ervin bill" now pending in the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee. I told him I would have [] bring him up-to-date on the status of that bill.

25X1 25X1A I mentioned to [] the flurry of activity in a number of legislative proposals including amendments to the Freedom of Information Act and other similar legislation. I said he might want to check on their position on these items.

25X1 4. [] - JGO) Received a call from Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, who told me that Representative Elizabeth Holtzman (D., N. Y.) offered an amendment to the Continuing Appropriations Resolution on the floor this afternoon objecting to any funds for CIA for destabilization of foreign governments. The motion was defeated.

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